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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR DRIVING AN ELECTROOPTIC DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:


In reply to the January 20, 2004 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species II, with traverse. At least claims 11-14, 18, 20 and 31-33 read on Species II.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid

unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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